Introduction of life skills education

1997. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to introduce life skills education in all schools in all States;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and,

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Under the Adolescence Education Programme, life skills education has been introduced as a co-curricular component for use in Government and Government aided secondary and senior secondary schools in States and Union Territories.

Elementary education as fundamental right

1998. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a constitutional amendment making elementary education a fundamental right, but the said amendment has so far not been implemented;

(b) if so, the reasons for not fulfilling the constitutional obligation;

(c) whether efforts are being made to create conditions to enable children to enjoy their right;

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be implemented; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The Constitution (86th Amendment) Act, 2002, which came into force on 13th December 2002, makes free and compulsory education a Fundamental Right for all children in the age-group 6-14 years by inserting a new Article 21-A in part III ("Fundamental Right") of the Constitution.

Based on the report of a committee set up by the reconstituted Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) to suggest a draft of the legislation envisaged under Article 21A, a draft Right to Education Bill

2005 was prepared and sent to all State Governments/UTs and Central Ministries for their views.

In the meanwhile, the Prime Minister also constituted a small group comprising Minister of Human Resource Development, Finance Minister, Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission and Chairman of the PM's Economic Advisory Council to examine, *inter alia*, the legal, constitutional and financial implications of the Bill. Following the recommendations of the group and based on further consultations, a draft Model Bill on Right to Education, to be adopted by the States, containing provisions relating to the child's right to free and compulsory education of equitable quality, responsibility of the State and appropriate governments etc., has been circulated recently to the Central Ministries/Departments concerned and the State Governments for their comments.

Registration of mother's name

†1999. SHRI ALI ANWAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that University Grants Commission, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and All India Council for Technical Education have been directed by his Ministry that they should implement the rule for registering the name of mother alongwith that of father of the students in all the institutions, colleges under their control at the earliest;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry has sought the opinion of all State Governments regarding implementation of this proposal by them;

(c) if so, the States which have sent their opinion in this regard; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) University Grants Commission (UGC), Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) and Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) have issued instructions to all the Universities/Institutions/Schools under their control to include mother's name alongwith that of father's name in all the Registration/Admission forms, degrees, certificate etc. As far as AICTE is concerned, they have not done it so far.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.